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TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

The 35th Annual State Convention had to be postponed because of inclement weather and rescheduled for February 4-5. The same agenda was followed with most of the program participants, sponsors, contributors and exhibitors attending. Total attendance was off somewhat because of previous commitments for some of the persons initially planning to attend. Members of the Association can take pride in another successful convention because of the interest and cooperation on the part of all concerned. Plans have been made for the next convention to be held at the Carolina Inn in Columbia on January 20 and 21. The Contests and Awards Program has been approved on the same basis for another year. A recommendation for Forestry and Soil Conservation Awards is being studied by the Executive Committee. Elanco is again sponsoring the "Spokesperson for Agriculture" Award Program. Advisors are encouraged to promote this program in an effort to select a state winner before October 1 to compete at the 17th Institute in Richmond, Virginia on November 27-December 1.

Chapters are also reminded to submit membership dues by May 31. The Association should experience continued growth during the coming year.

Tentative plans are being made for a Summer Tour to be held at the Ramada Inn in Rock Hill on July 22-23 to be hosted by chapters in Chester and York counties. Mark this event on your calendar and look for complete details when plans are finalized.

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

The deadline for applications in the FFA Contest and Awards Program is April 15, 1983. Please send your individual and chapter applications to your district consultant prior to the date due. All Future Farmers are encouraged to take advantage of the variety of contests and awards that are available. Many of the awards provide cash to district and state winners, as well as recognition at the State FFA Convention. Ask your vocational agriculture teacher to help you in completing and mailing your application prior to April 15.

National FFA President Jan Eberly of Fallbrook, California will participate in our 1983 State FFA Convention June 8-10 at Clemson University. Jan is taking a leave from her studies at the University of California at Davis where she is a Regents Scholar and an agricultural economics major. She owns an ornamental horticulture enterprise which consists of 600 containers and a breeding/market swine enterprise of 15 head. Your State FFA Officers are at work to make this year's convention a success. Make plans now to attend and have your chapter represented by at least two official delegates plus all contest and award winners.

Plans are being made for the summer camping program at the Cherry Grove Camp during the month of June. The Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers will be held June 28-30. Make your plans to join your friends for a week at the beach for education, recreation and leadership training.

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FUTURE FARMERS ATTEND NATIONAL EVENT

The 116 South Carolina FFA delegation to the 1982 National FFA Convention is shown above.

The 55th National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri, in November is the largest youth convention in the nation. Over twenty-three thousand Future Farmers, adult advisors, and guests representing every state in the nation filled the hotels within a fifty-mile radius of Kansas City. Closed-circuit television was installed to handle the overflow crowds in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium.

John Block, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, headed the speakers for the convention. He challenged FFA members there to take the responsibility for solving the problems which face American agriculture. Senate Agriculture Chairman, Jesse Helms, country comic Jerry Clower, and television star Melissa Gilbert, also appeared at the convention.

One hundred sixteen future farmers, student teachers, FFA advisors, and state staff members from South Carolina attended and participated in the convention. The South Carolina representatives participated in five of the National Competitive Events and received a number of awards. Frank R. Stover, State Supervisor of Agriculture Education, and state advisor for the Future Farmers of America, was in charge of the delegation. He was assisted by J. Earl Frick, Jr., state FFA Executive Secretary, and teachers of agriculture. The two official delegates from South Carolina to the National Convention were Keith Cox, state FFA President from Loris, and Todd Jones, state FFA Vice-president from Dorman. The official delegates make up the voting body of the convention.

Those in attendance were entertained throughout the three-day convention with music provided by the more than 100-piece FFA band, the 115-member FFA chorus, and talent groups. Mark Bolden from Belton-Honea Path chapter represented South Carolina in the National Chorus. These two musical units are recruited by mail and had never played or sung together before arriving at Kansas City. The National FFA Band led the opening parade for the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show.

FFA members were involved in every possible way at the educational convention. South Carolina students served as ushers, stage crews, press assistants, and

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courtesy corps members. Many activities took place during the three days involving FFA members representing each of the 50 states and Puerto Rico. Over 2500 awards were presented to members at the convention. Chapters were honored for their participation in building our American communities program, national safety awards, and national chapter awards. One thousand five hundred FFA members were involved in the National FFA Competition. These contests ranged from livestock to mechanics to horticulture to business management. National President, Scott Neasham, of Newton, Iowa, called the convention to order, and student officers presided over the sessions for the convention. Many members enhanced their education through the agriculture career show which featured more than 250 exhibits from agriculture and agri-business. Federal agencies, professional organizations, and educational institutions gave the 23,000 FFA members and advisors attending the convention a chance to learn about career opportunities in agriculture. There was a wide diversity of exhibits so there was sure to be at least one career display that would interest each person.

Six new national officers were elected by their peers to serve the organization for the coming year and to conduct the 1983 National Convention. Elected to serve were: Jan Eberly from Fallbrook, California, president. Jan is the first female to ever be elected president of the National Association. Marty Coates, Clarkton, North Carolina, was elected secretary. Elected as vice-presidents for the various regions were: Cara Doyle, Green Bay, Wisconsin; Bruce Kettler, Anna, Ohio; Brian Stamps, Edwards, Mississippi; and Wendell Jeffreys, Bokchito, Oklahoma.

OFFICIAL DELEGATES

Keith Cox, State FFA President from Loris, Todd Jones, State FFA Vice-president from Dorman, represented the 7,000-member South Carolina Association of Future Farmers and were South Carolina's official delegates.

COURTESY CORPS

Brittons Neck FFA chapter furnished the Courtesy Corps members from South Carolina who served at the national convention. They are left to right: Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher, Terry Larrimore and Timmy Larrimore, Dan Poston, James Cannon, Tommy Larrimore, Thad Williams, Greg Larrimore, Reamer Poston, and Eugene Hucks.

FFA CONVENTION

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

JUNE 8 - 10

DORMAN REGIONAL WINNER

The Dorman FFA chapter was recognized as the Southern Regional Winner in the 1982 National Energy Challenge program recommended by President Reagan. Members of the Dorman chapter present to receive the honor are left to right: Dr. Floride Martin, superintendent of Spartanburg District 6 schools, Jan Lee, Jodie Settle, Nancy Griffith, Becky Shelby, Kenneth Duncan, Geoffrey Gillespie, David Stages, Laura Stages, and Charles G. Moore, agriculture teacher at Dorman.

HONORARY DEGREE

The National Future Farmer Organization bestowed the honorary American Farmer Degree on W. C. Bowen, Clemson University retired professor of Agriculture Education. Honorary membership is bestowed on individuals who have given service to youth, agriculture, education, and the FFA organization. Honorees include public leaders, agriculture staff members, local school and college administrators, college professors, and teachers of agriculture.

RECEIVE HIGHEST DEGREE

Nine future farmers from South Carolina received the highest degree the National Organization gives to student members. Present to receive the American Farmer Degree in Kansas City were left to right: Mark Patterson from Byrnes; Delane Walker from Pendleton; Laurie Stages from Dorman; Joey Link, Pendleton; Amy Rankin, Pendleton; Delano Venson, Byrnes. Receiving a degree but not present were Samuel Cooper, Dorman, Craig Fowler, Dorman; Marshall Watt, Crescent.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS

Dorman Chapter received the Silver Emblem Award and Gilbert received the Bronze in the National Chapter Awards. They were recognized as having outstanding chapter programs. On hand to receive the award for Dorman were Gerald Moore, agriculture teacher at Dorman, Jodie Settle, Becky Shelby, and David Stages. To receive the award for Gilbert were Tom Fink, Blake Keisler, Shannon Price, and agriculture teacher Jack Cunningham.

BOAC AWARDS

Two South Carolina FFA chapters received national recognition for outstanding programs in building our American Communities Program. Shown above left to right receiving the Bronze Emblem Award for Mullins is James Bell, agriculture teacher, and receiving the Bronze Award for Gilbert, Shannon Price, Todd Fink, Blake Keisler, and Jack Cunningham, agriculture teacher at Gilbert.

NATIONAL SAFETY AWARDS

National Chapter Safety Awards were presented to two chapters from South Carolina. On hand to receive the Bronze Emblem Award for Dorman were Gerald Moore, agriculture teacher, and third from right, Becky Shelby. To receive the award for Lake City were Tracy Yarborough, Winston McGee, Tommy Keefe, and J. D. Daniel, agriculture teacher, Lake City.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Members of the South Carolina State Livestock Judging Team represented the state in the National FFA Judging Contest held in connection with the FFA convention. The Brittons-Neck team received the Bronze Emblem Award. Members of the team are shown left to right: Dan Poston, Thad Williams, James Cannon, Tommy Larrimore, and Jerry Pace, agriculture teacher.

FARM-BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

The state-winning Pendleton Farm-Business Management team represented South Carolina in the National competition. On hand to receive the award were: Royce Caines, agriculture teacher, Kelly Rogers, Stephanie Thompson, and Shrie Ramey. This is the first year that South Carolina has had an entry in the national competition of Farm-Business Management.

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

The state winner in the Agriculture Mechanics Contest represented South Carolina in the National Competition. The Saluda team received a Bronze Emblem Award. Members were left to right: Luke Berry, Timmy Shealy, Mike Davis, Tim Power, and agriculture teacher, Thomas Gladden.

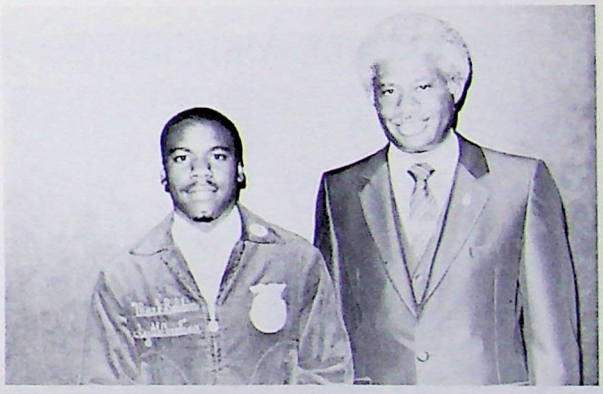
NURSERY-LANDSCAPE

Members of the Pendleton FFA chapter represented South Carolina in the nursery-landscape competition. On hand to receive the Bronze Award were George Ree, agriculture teacher, Richey Hunter, Leesa Bowman, Ricky Riggins.

FLORICULTURE

The South Carolina winning floriculture team from Pendleton represented South Carolina in the national competition. On hand to receive the Bronze Award were Royce Caines, agriculture teacher, Jimmy Garrett, Brian Boggs, and Mark Myers.

NATIONAL CHORUS



Mark Boland of the Belton-Honea Path chapter was selected to serve in the 115-member FFA Chorus from South Carolina. He represented his chapter and the state well. He is shown above with his agriculture teacher, Harold Mackey.

35TH SC YOUNG FARMER CONVENTION

The 35th annual convention of the S.C. Association of Young Farmers got underway with a luncheon for state officers, candidates, state executive committee members, wives, and state staff at the Sheraton Hotel in Spartanburg. After a short business session consisting of committee reports, unfinished and new business, those in attendance boarded buses for a tour of Milliken Research Center in Spartanburg. After an informative tour, the buses returned to the hotel for the annual awards banquet.

The Farmerette Program got underway with a welcome from Trisha Alt from Chester, wife of the president, Dan Alt. Introduction of guests was by Janis Galloway. Prizes were awarded by Dale Smith, Paula Shuler, Cindy Darby, Suzette Reynolds, and Susan Weathers. After the prizes were awarded, those present boarded buses for a tour of Spartanburg and outlet shopping.

Following the afternoon session, young farmers, wives, friends, guests, and sponsors gathered for the Annual Awards Banquet, traditionally the high point of the convention. Prizes were awarded to Young Farmer Chapters and members in many areas. Sponsors of the awards were on hand to make the presentations.

DISTRICT WINNERS

The 1982 District Young Farmer winners are shown above: Jimmy Drake and wife from Crescent; Wrenn Bagley, secretary Federal Land Bank and Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia; Mike Keisler and wife from Gilbert; Will Gillard and wife from Holly Hill. The District Three Young Farmer of the Year was missing when the picture was made. He was Charles Gainey from the St. Johns-Darlington chapter.

STATE WINNER 1982

The 1982 Young Farmer of the Year, Jimmy Drake and his wife are shown with agriculture teacher, Harold Clinkscales, and sponsor, Wrenn Bagley, secretary Federal Land Bank and Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

The Energy Efficiency Award is given to the couple making the most efficient use of electricity and other power on the farm. Shown receiving the award from Joe Brown (right), agriculture engineer with S.C. Electric and Gas Company who sponsors the award, are: Archie Felder from Bowman and his wife; Francis and Phillip Price from Gilbert; Stanley and Carol Cothran from Hickory Tavern, the state winners; and Keith Hodges from Lamar.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTERS

Shown receiving the Outstanding Young Farmer Chapters award for 1982 from Jim Loftis, Gold Gist from Atlanta who sponsors the award, are: Tim Whetsell from Bowman, state winner; Mitch Tyner from St. Johns chapter in Darlington; Tommy Gladden, agriculture teacher, Saluda chapter; Terry Fogle, president, Pelion chapter.

SWINE AWARDS

Shown receiving the swine award for 1982 is Jacob Riser from Bowman, the state winner, and Tom Sandifer from Bowman, a farm supply dealer and sponsor. Bill Nance from York was second-place winner. 1982 is the first year this award has been presented to S.C. Young Farmers.

SOYBEAN CHAMPS

IRRIGATED

Ed Campbell of FCX in Florence is the sponsor of the Soybean Production Contest. He is shown presenting the state winner, Ricky Kneece from Pelion his award in the irrigated soybeans. Damon Flowers of St. Johns was second-place winner but was absent when the picture was taken.

NON-IRRIGATED

Frankie Woodard of St. Johns in Darlington was the state winner of the non-irrigated soybean contest and is shown receiving his award from Ed Campbell of FCX in Florence. Jimmy Clark from Saluda is shown receiving his plaque and check. Gregory Beer from Chester and Johnny McMillan from Ashton were absent when the pictures were made.

CORN WINNERS

IRRIGATED

The winner of the three-acre irrigated corn contest was Joey Link from Pendleton, the state winner, and Rickey Kneece from Pelion. They are shown receiving the awards from Phil Farmer from Coker Seed Company in Hartsville.

NON-IRRIGATED

The non-irrigated three-acre corn contest was won by Jimmy Brown of the Ashton chapter in Colleton County. Other district winners were Joey Link from Pelion, Edwin Dargan from St. Johns in Darlington, and receiving the award for District 1 is George Reed of Pendleton, the advisor. They are shown receiving the awards from the sponsor representative Phil Farmer, Coker Pedigreed Seed Company.

NEW LEADERS ELECTED

Above are shown the leaders of the Young Farmers Organization of South Carolina who will lead the organization in 1983. They are seated left to right: Gregg Reynolds, from Southside-Elim chapter; Ray Galloway from St. Johns chapter in Darlington, state president; Rusty Darby from Chester, a district vice-president; so are the others that follow: standing back row, Harry Wimberly from Bowman; Stan Cothran from Hickory Tavern; Dan Alt from Chester, past president; David Shuler from Holly Hill, president-elect.

BEEF AWARDS

Joe Dean Smith from Landrum was the state winner of the beef production award presented by Tom Sandifer, Bowman farm supply dealer who sponsored it. Second place in the beef production was Ricky Dark from Chester.

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

Shown above is the 1982 delegation from South Carolina to the National Young Farmers Educational Institute which was held in December in San Antonio, Texas. They are left to right: front row, Dan Alt, Patricia Alt, Jean Pace, Janis Galloway, Ray Galloway, Hugh Weathers; and back row, James Watson, Edsell Williams, Jerry Pace, Walter LeGett, and Michael Gibson.

DAIRY AWARDS

The Dairy Production Award was also new in 1982, and the state winner in this was James T. Busby, Jr., Crescent. Thomas Lee Martin of Pendleton placed second. Presenting awards was Tom Sandifer of Bowman, the sponsor.

This picture shows a portion of the group at the banquet session.

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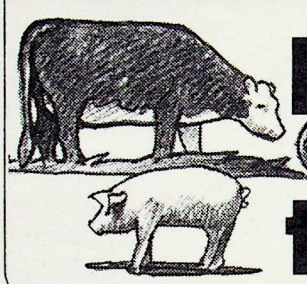

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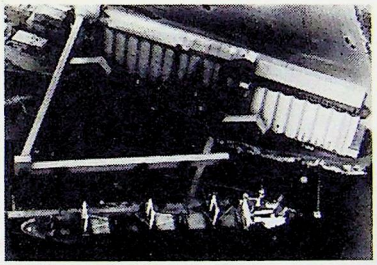

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